THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) : (a) No, Sir. This survey was done by the Railways.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It was *inter alia* stated that survey for extension of rail line up to Kodinar via Somnath has also been completed and the survey report is under examination in consultation with the Zonal Railway. Further consideration of the project would be possible once results of the survey have been finalised.

(d) This work is not yet sanctioned.

(e) The estimated cost of the project is Rs. 130.36 crores.

Appointment of LDCs In CCMB

4405. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY :

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether it is a fact that CCMB, Hyderabad flouted reservation rules while appointing candidates to the post of Lower Division Clerks in 1986;

(b) whether it is a fact that post of LDCs reserved for ex-servicemen have been dereserved and a candidate who did not belong to reserved category and who was overaged, has have appointed;

(c) whether any complaint has been received from any Member of Parliament in this regard; and

(d) if answer to Part (a) above be in the affirmative, whether Government would institute an enquiry and set right the anomaly causes to ex-servicemen?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) No Sir. No appointment to the grade of Lower Division Clerks (LDCs) was made by CCMB by direct recruitment in 1986.

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Import of Chemicals and Bio-Chemicals at CBT

4406. SHRI C.O. POULOSE : Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Department of Biotechnology (DBT) has initiated a National Facility for importing Chemicals and Bio-chemicals at Centre for Bio-